

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 595  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2013; February 25, 2013,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;  
1-4 March 11, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 11, 2013,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Fraser	X		
1-10	Estes	X		
1-11	Deuell		X	
1-12	Duncan	X		
1-13	Ellis	X		
1-14	Eltife	X		
1-15	Hegar	X		
1-16	Hinojosa		X	
1-17	Nichols	X		
1-18	Seliger	X		
1-19	Uresti	X		

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 595 By: Hegar

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the power of the North Fort Bend Water Authority to  
1-24 impose a charge on certain wells or classes of wells.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 8813.103, Special District Local Laws  
1-27 Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection  
1-28 (e-1) to read as follows:

1-29 (e) For purposes of Subsection (d), a well is subject to a  
1-30 groundwater reduction requirement if the Harris-Galveston  
1-31 Subsidence District or the Fort Bend Subsidence District, as  
1-32 applicable, [~~subsidence district~~] has adopted or adopts a  
1-33 requirement or rule that groundwater withdrawals from the well, or  
1-34 from the well and other wells collectively, be reduced, including a  
1-35 groundwater reduction that is not required until a future date.

1-36 (e-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), the authority may  
1-37 impose a charge under Subsection (b) on a well or class of wells  
1-38 located in Harris or Fort Bend County that, on or after February 1,  
1-39 2013:

1-40 (1) ceases to be subject to a groundwater reduction  
1-41 requirement imposed by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District or  
1-42 the Fort Bend Subsidence District, as applicable; or

1-43 (2) is no longer subject to the regulatory provisions,  
1-44 permitting requirements, or jurisdiction of the Harris-Galveston  
1-45 Subsidence District or the Fort Bend Subsidence District, as  
1-46 applicable.

1-47 SECTION 2. The North Fort Bend Water Authority retains all  
1-48 rights, powers, privileges, authorities, duties, and functions  
1-49 that it had before the effective date of this Act.

1-50 SECTION 3. (a) The legislature validates and confirms all  
1-51 governmental acts and proceedings of the North Fort Bend Water  
1-52 Authority that were taken before the effective date of this Act.

1-53 (b) This section does not apply to any matter that on the  
1-54 effective date of this Act:

1-55 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation  
1-56 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court  
1-57 judgment; or

1-58 (2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment.

1-59 SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to  
1-60 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this

2-1 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
2-2 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
2-3 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
2-4 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
2-5 Government Code.

2-6 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
2-7 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
2-8 Environmental Quality.

2-9 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
2-10 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
2-11 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
2-12 representatives within the required time.

2-13 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
2-14 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
2-15 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
2-16 and accomplished.

2-17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-21 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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